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Sweden

This section provides you with an overview of Sweden's business register.

#### **What does the Swedish business register offer?**

The Swedish Companies Registration Office keeps several registers which provide information on businesses (i.e. registered companies). Access to the information in these registers is available via an [internet search engine](#) or by contacting the [Swedish Companies Registration Office](#).

These registers are collectively referred to below as the Swedish business register.

The Swedish business register provides information on, for example:

- company names and addresses
- registration number
- company officers (including members of the board)
- annual accounts
- articles of association
- registration certificates
- bankruptcy.

The register is owned and managed by the [Swedish Companies Registration Office](#).

#### **Is access to the Swedish business register free of charge?**

Information in the Swedish business register can be accessed free of charge by contacting the Swedish Companies Registration Office by phone. Requests for a written extract from the register are usually subject to a charge.

The internet search engine provides free access to information about a company name, registration number and status. The following additional services are available only to registered and paying users:

- company officers (including members of the board)
- annual accounts
- articles of association
- registration certificates
- more detailed information about bankruptcy and liquidation.

#### **How reliable are the documents in the register?**

Information about Swedish limited companies is disclosed in accordance with Article 2 of Directive 2009/101/EC.

Newly registered Swedish limited companies, and any changes to them, are registered with the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

Article 2 of Directive 2009/101/EC requires Member States to ensure that companies disclose certain documents and particulars. Article 3a(2) also requires Member States to provide this information for publication on the European e-Justice portal.

In Sweden's case the registered information is published in the Swedish Official Gazette (*Post- och Inrikes Tidningar*).

Further information about Swedish companies can be found on the Swedish Companies Registration Office's website <http://www.bolagsverket.se/en>.

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#### **How to search the Swedish business register**

Anyone can obtain information from the register by contacting the Swedish Companies Registration Office by post, e-mail or phone.

Searches can be carried out using the search engine by entering a company name and a registration number. The information listed below is available only to registered and paying users:

- company officers (including members of the board)
- annual accounts
- articles of association
- registration certificates
- more detailed information about bankruptcy and liquidation.

#### **History of the Swedish business register**

Information has been stored in the register since 1897. Depending on the type of data, the information has been computerised since 1982. Since 2002 all incoming information for the register has been converted into digital format.

#### **Useful links**

##### **[European Business Register \(EBR\)](#)**

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